City of Chicago

Climate Infrastructure Fund



Program Description

As part of the Department of Planning and Development's ongoing efforts under the Chicago Recovery Plan, the Climate Infrastructure Fund (the Fund) provides grants from \$50,000 to \$250,000 to nonprofit organizations and small businesses for climate-related capital projects in three priority areas:

Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency



Energy efficiency upgrades and/or on-site renewable energy

Electric Vehicles and EV Charging



Purchase of electric vehicles and/or installation of electric vehicle charging stations

Green Infrastructure



Mitigation of flooding by rain gardens, permeable paving, native plantings, etc.

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Connecting to the 2022 Climate Action Plan

The Climate Infrastructure Fund is intended to catalyze the vision of Chicago's 2022 Climate Action Plan to accelerate Chicago's equitable transition to a robust green economy for all.

The City of Chicago is committed to reducing greenhouse gas emissions that are causing and expediting climate change, bolstering community resiliency to withstand the impacts that Chicagoans are already experiencing, and doing so with intentionality to assure the benefits of such actions are spread across all neighborhoods.

How to Apply

Who: Eligible applicants must be 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations

or small businesses located in Chicago. The Fund prioritizes projects located in environmental justice communities that are

disproportionately impacted by climate change.

What: All proposed projects are reviewed using a set of criteria that

emphasizes impact, equity, and project readiness.

When: The application period is open from December 19, 2022 through

February 24, 2023.

Where: Please use the <u>DPD Universal Application</u> to submit an

application online.

Want to Learn More?

Visit the <u>Climate Infrastructure Fund webpage</u> to review pertinent information, register for or watch a webinar, access additional resources, and review FAQs.

Email any questions to: ClimateFund@cityofchicago.org



The \$5 million Climate Infrastructure Fund is part of a larger suite of community climate investments and environmental justice initiatives in the Chicago Recovery Plan. Applications will be made available by the City of Chicago through a series of competitive funding rounds until the Fund is exhausted. Projects falling outside the target funding range may also be considered on a case-by-case basis.

Climate Co-Benefits



Economic Inclusion and Savings



Reduced Pollution Burden



Equitable Access to Critical Infrastructure



Community Health and Resiliency